

Those to Serve

(B) Jack Wall
 (FV) Doug Pruett
 (O) Keith Stifflemire
 (A) Judd Wall
 1st prayer Mike Mallett
 2nd prayer Jorge Garza
 Announcements: Calvin Burks
 Singing: Kevin Grant

Prayer List:

Odell Mallett
 Dora Martinez
 Mona Lancaster
 Willis Hughes
 Letha Sheldon
 Ruby Jones
 Pray for our Nation
 Our Troops
 Law Enforcement
 Rescue Personnel

July 4th

Independence Day

July 5th

Mission Sunday

July 26th

Noon Fellowship

August 2nd

Mission Sunday

Please keep Jack Dewald, grandson of Holt & Mary Ann Davsion in your prayers, in 2016 he had a right frontal lobectomy surgery removing 2/3 of his right front lobe. Friday night he was accidentally knocked down which caused a skull fracture. He is being scheduled for surgery at Cooks Children Hospital in Fort Worth.



Mike Lovell July 16th

Keith Stifflemire July 22nd



July 10th

Kevin & Judy Grant

July 19th

Mike & Connie Mallett

July 25th

Jorge & Valerie Garza

Quotes & Sayings

- *My God! How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy!*
Thomas Jefferson
- *My confidence is that there will for a long time be virtue and good sense enough in our countrymen to correct abuses.*
Thomas Jefferson
- *A countryman between two lawyers is like a fish between two cats.* Benjamin Franklin

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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The Value of Work

Working is a part of God's plan for man's fulfillment and happiness. After creating the world and making man of the dust, "the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it" (Gen. 2:15). Paradise was not then nor is now a place of constant leisure and no responsibilities.

Whether we are thinking of work by which we provide a living for our family or a task we do in the Lord's service, there are some biblical principles that will help us.

1. Find a work suited for you. Because of background, natural ability, education, experience, and interest, we do some things better than others. "For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another" (Rom. 12:4-5).
2. Do your best. Whether we are doing "church work" or whether we are on the job, we are working for the Lord. "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ" (Col. 3:23-24).
3. Schedule times of rest. God set the example by resting on the seventh day after creating the world in six. When the apostles had completed some work and reported to Jesus the results, Jesus said, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" (Mark 6:31).
4. Be training others to do your work. It is no compliment to anyone's effectiveness and leadership for any work to show a decline after he or she moves, is promoted, or retires. Paul gave the principle to Timothy when he wrote, "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim 2:2).
5. Prepare for work in the future that will call for growth. The challenging task of an elder is being addressed when Paul wrote to Timothy, "If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work" (1 Tim. 3:1).

Work is designed by the Lord to be a blessing - not a curse. How do you plan to be blessed in your work?

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10). **By Jerrie Barber**

Putting First Things First

Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." This may come as a shock, but most of us fail to do this! Why? Because instead of seeking God's kingdom first, we're spending our time wrapped up in the cares of this world! Have you ever considered that if this one passage were followed to its proper conclusion, it would revolutionize the church in all its phases of activity? If we sought first the kingdom of God in attendance, we'd be here every time the doors opened if physically possible! If we sought first the kingdom of God in evangelism, every baptized believer would be speaking the truth in love to every lost soul he or she encountered! If we sought first the kingdom of God in our giving, the church treasury would be overflowing! If we sought first the kingdom of God in edification and encouragement of our brothers and sisters in Christ, there'd be a lot more folks in the mold of Barnabas to build up and encourage our brethren!

Perhaps the most common sin today is that of reversing the divine order of things; of making secondary things primary, and making primary things secondary. How many people do we or have we known who disregard the importance of attending evening services? Instead, they're at work because they'd rather make a dollar, or they're at home because they think their rest is more important and so on. They've made what should be a primary concern a secondary one. What about someone who holds back on putting money in the collection plate because he's worried about finances? Well, he turned a primary concern, indeed an act of worship, into a secondary concern when he put personal finances ahead of worshipping God. It seems incredible that God, who made me, and gave His Son to die for me, should give me the option of saying what place HE shall occupy in my life.

If we're going to be pleasing to God, we each have some "first things" to do. We have to seek the kingdom first, then all of the things we need will be added to us. Seeking the kingdom first means becoming part of it and putting it first in our lives (1 Peter 3:21, Matt. 6:33).

The second thing we have to do on our list of "firsts" is to keep our lives right with God so we can teach others. Matthew 7 verse 5 tells us: "Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."

We have a responsibility to make sure our brothers and sisters are walking in the way they should (II Thess. 3:15), but no one will ever listen to us until they can see that we're concerned about the sin in our life and that we're trying to get rid of it. No one likes a hypocrite.

The final thing we must do is to follow Christ before all others. In John 14:15, Jesus says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Our Savior also tells us in Revelation 2:10, "...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Our dedication to the Lord must come first, before all else. We have no right to tell or expect someone to follow a leader we're not faithfully following ourselves, and friends, people are very critical and they'll know if you're a follower of Jesus Christ.

If you need to reorganize your priorities, why wait any longer? "Why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins..." (Acts 22:16).

By R. W. McAlister